



Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

The mysterious illness originating in Asia, known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), has sprawled out across the globe and spurred into action a highly coordinated worldwide health effort. The SARS illness has claimed lives in a growing number of countries prompting many, including the United States, to authorize the use of quarantine if necessary.

The Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, which I chair, has responded to the threat by convening a hearing on April 7, 2003 with top health officials from the Center for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, and the World Health Organization. At the hearing we learned how the U.S. Government is teaming up with international health officials to lead the worldwide effort in stopping the spread of this disease. As chairman, I assured health officials of our complete support of their work.

Included on this page are some links to informative websites that should answer many questions about SARS. These websites are updated frequently with new information on how the illness spreads, the number of cases, and even relevant travel warnings. Please contact my office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Senator Judd Gregg

World Health Organization Information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
<http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/>

Center for Disease Control Information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>